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Mr. Greg Moore
Executive Director
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy
Building 201, Fort Mason
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Dear Mr. Moore:

I am writing to provide comments and express strong support for the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy's grant application to the State Department of Parks and Recreation's "Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program" for funds to help cover continued habitat restoration on the 110-acre Mori Point site in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in the City of Pacifica.

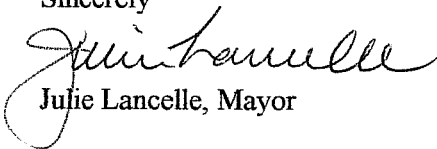
Direct habitat losses and isolation of breeding locations due to urbanization and past land practices on the site, such as quarrying and off-road vehicle use, are the primary causes for the decline of the endangered and threatened species at Mori Point.

During the first two stages of the Conservancy's restoration project in 2007 and 2008, completed habitat restoration activities included wetland re-creation by expanding an existing pond and constructing two new ponds for the red-legged frog, invasive non-native plant control and revegetation with native plant species, visitor improvements, including Coastal Trail construction, and community engagement and outreach efforts. To date, Pacificans have contributed significant volunteer hours by helping to remove invasive plants, planting native vegetation, assessing survivorship and collecting seeds for future plantings.

As liaison to the City's Golden Gate National Recreation Area Liaison Committee, I can tell you that the Committee has worked closely with both GGNRA and GGNPC staff to support efforts to expand and improve park areas in Pacifica. The continued restoration project that would be supported by this grant is entirely consistent with the goals and objectives of the GGNRA Liaison Committee, and they have asked me to also pass along their support for the Conservancy's grant application.

Please call me at 650-355-2545 or Planning Director Michael Crabtree at 650-738-7341 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely



Julie Lancelle, Mayor

cc: City Council Members
GGNRA Liaison Committee
Planning Director

